

FORTUNES WON AT ARMY GOODS SALE

Everything From Sardines
to Surgical Instruments

on the Block.

ARE WORTH \$500,000,000

Surplus Supplies Bought
During War Offered Only
in Large Lots.

NO CHANCE FOR PIKERS

Speculators Crowd Washing-
ton to Make Cleanup on Huge
Stocks of Necessities.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau.

Washington, D. C., April 25.

Shrewd speculators are winning for-

times daily here in the most stu-

pendous bargain sale the world ever

saw, the War Department's disposal

of leftover supplies.

It is a get rich quick enterprise con-

ducted and encouraged by Uncle Sam,

perfectly legitimate, but also as en-

tering in promise as some of the gilded

lures for which the Government has

put too clever persons in jail.

Millions are in the air, and the air is

full of grabbing hands. In the hotel

lobbies and in the corridors of the

sales office of the War Department

keen eyed men bid for hundreds of

thousands and even millions of dollars

worth of war supplies that they plan

to dispose of at three, four or ten times

the purchase price.

Their talk is in big money. It is no

pikers' game. Uncle Sam deals in large

lots only. It takes capital to play the

cards in this fascinating speculation in

sheets, sardines, flannel shirts, corned

beef, smoking tobacco, grapefruit, de-

hydrated potatoes, duck, whistles, barrack

bags, overalls, canned tomatoes, gloves,

arctics, quinine, meat cans, surgical in-

struments—everything imaginable.

Already supplies that cost the Govern-

ment \$1,334,416,244 have been sold for

\$300,000,000 and Uncle Sam has got

back about 55 per cent. of the money he

laid out in war time to feed, clothe, arm

and equip his doughboys. The fair per-

centage of return might suggest that no

great opportunities remain for big prof-

its in buying and selling leftover war

supplies. This assumption would be en-

tirely erroneous. There is a margin of

many millions of dollars which covers

perishable materials or supplies that differ

in cut or size from corresponding

supplies in ordinary commerce and which

the Government is letting go dirt cheap.

"There are big chances to make a

fortune," said Lieut.-Col. E. S. Hart-

horn, director of sales, to-day.

Last week the last of the leftover

tinned meats—119,000,000 pounds of

corned beef, corned beef hash, roast beef

and bacon—which cost the Government

a pretty penny in the hurry up days of

buying food for the soldiers, was sold at

the rate of about 4 cents a pound. The

bidders who got the bargains expect to

clean up at the average rate of 10 cents

a pound. Several are negotiating for the

charter of Shipping Board vessels, plan-

ning to take cargoes of good tinned food

to Europe and act as their own mer-

chants.

One man with a gambling inspiration

which had a fortune of six figures in

sight bid for 5,000,000 tins of sardines,

offering a tenth of a cent a tin. His

scheme was to cargo a Shipping Board

vessel or two with nice oily sardines

and take them to Russia, after trade

relations are resumed, and sell them

at ten cents a tin to people who love

oil, oily sardines. He figured on

a gross profit of about \$400,000, and

BABY LAUGHS WHEN HURLED INTO STORE BY MOTOR CAR

Child Has Slight Cut, but Mother Is Not So Lucky in
Escaping From Injury by a Runaway Auto-
mobile in The Bronx.

A two-year-old baby was pushed through the front of a store by a runaway automobile in East 163d street, near Forrest avenue, The Bronx, last night, and five minutes later, after the wreckage had been cleared away, was found pounding his fists together in delight over the experience. The child, Irving Weinstein, son of Mrs. Hannah Weinstein of 1084 Forrest avenue, later was taken to Lebanon Hospital so that surgeons could patch up a slight cut caused by broken glass. Mrs. Weinstein suffered a few bruises and cuts when she, too, was driven through a plate glass window.

The mother was wheeling young Irving down the 163d street hill between Stebbins and Forrest avenues, when shouts of "Look out!" caused her to turn. Half way up the hill she

could see a big touring car zigzagging backward and rapidly approaching. She had no chance to get out of its path. The rear mudguard picked her up and one of the wheels struck the gocart in which Irving was sitting.

The next instant both mother and gocart and child were sent through the front of the Betty Embroidery Store, owned by Mrs. Betty Alken. The motor followed them in, stopping with its front wheels almost on top of them.

An investigation made by Policeman Coleman of the Simpson street station revealed that the automobile was the property of Benjamin Benson of 901 Fox street, The Bronx. He was visiting friends at 831 163d street, and had left the car in front of the house. A curious friend released the brakes and ran away in fright when he saw the car start its wild run.

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